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April 13, 2017

The Honorable Kevin De Leon
Senate President pro Tempore
California State Senate - District 24
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 54 (As Amended March 28, 2017) – OPPOSE

Dear Senator De Leon:

The City Council of the City of Glendora voted unanimously to oppose Senate Bill (SB) 54 at its April 11, 2017, as it would restrict local law enforcement's ability to cooperate with federal law enforcement partners. This prohibition would unduly increase the risk for every community in our State to be less safe as criminals are released back into them when they could be subject to an immigration enforcement action thus keeping them away from future victims. State law, the Trust Act, already governs when and how a local entity may detain a person subject to an immigration hold.

SB 54 would prevent the safe and orderly use of our jails for agents to apprehend those subjects for immigration enforcement action. Instead, it would require immigration enforcement agents into our communities in order to search and find the persons they seek. Clearly this will force those efforts to be widely cast into communities and further making the responsibility of our law enforcement to provide service to be all the more difficult as the trust and cooperation chain is broken.

SB 54 uses a very narrow list of violent felonies in which law enforcement may notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the scheduled release of persons. Violent felonies with SB 54 do not recognize assault with a deadly weapon, shooting at an occupied building, rape where the victim is unconscious of the act, rape by intoxicating substance and exploding a destructive device or explosive with the intent to injure as just a few examples of horrific and violent crimes that would be excluded.

The City of Glendora urges our State elected officials and the Governor to Oppose SB 54 as it will surely create less safe communities and impede law enforcement from carrying out the difficult job of protecting all from being victimized by those who would want to harm them.

Sincerely,

CITY OF GLENDORA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Boyer", written over the printed name.

Gary Boyer
Mayor

CC: Governor Jerry Brown
Assemblymember Blanca E. Rubio – 48th Assembly District
Senator Anthony J. Portantino – 25th District
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